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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG CA US

SUBJECT: NATURAL GAS EXPORT PRICES

REF: (A) OTTAWA 1397 (B) BUCHANAN/DERHAM TELECON APR 18

1. EMR DEPUTY MINISTER MACNABB TELEPHONED EMBOFF THIS MORNING TO SAY THAT THE ANSWER TO U.S. REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS ON NATURAL GAS EXPORT PRICES WAS "IN PRICIPLE, YES".

2. MACNABB STATED THAT TENTATIVELY HE WAS TRYING TO ARRANGE FOR MEETING (IN OTTAWA) AT 10:30 A.M. ON TUESDAY, APRIL 22 WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM EMR, EXTAFF AND A NEB MEMBER IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY.

3. MACNABB PROMISED GET BACK TO EMBASSY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE LATER TODAY TO CONFIRM DATE AND TIME AND NAMES AND LEVEL OF CANADIAN REPRESENTATION.

4. TWO HOURS AFTER MACNABB CALLED, DWIGHT FULFORD (EXTAFF ENERGY DIVISON DIRECTOR) TELEPHONED EMBOFF TO CONFIRM MACNABB'S SUGGESTION OF APRIL 22 AND SAID
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THEY COULD PROBABLY BE FLEXIBLE ABOUT THE 10:30

(STANDARD TIME) HOUR I.E. ADVANCING IT TO 9:30 ON
ASSUMPTION U.S. REPS MIGHT ARRIVE ON MONDAY EVENING
FLIGHT.

5. FULFORD STATED THAT LEVEL OF CANADIAN REPRESENTATION
WOULD FINALLY DEPEND ON U.S. PARTICIPANTS, BUT
SUGGESTED PAM MCDUGALL (EXTAFF DIREN OF ECONOMIC
AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS), ADM BILL HOPPER (EMR) AND
GEOF EDGE (NEB MEMBER).

6. FULFORD REQUESTED CONFIRMATION OF ARRANGEMENTS
AND NAMES OF U.S. PARTICIPANTS BY COB TODAY (APRUL 18)
IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

7. EMBASSY COMMENT: DEPARTMENT SHOULD KEEP IN MIND
THAT PROPOSED TUESDAY CONSULTATION PRECEDES NEXT
CABINET MEETING BY ONLY TWO DAYS, AND PRESUMABLY WAS
SUGGESTED BY GOC WITH THAT FACT IN MIND. IF THE CABINET
IS TO BE KEPT FROM ACTING ADVERSELY TO U.S. INTERESTS,
FOR AT LEAST THE SHORT-TERM, U.S. SIDE MUST BE PREPARED
TO HIT HARD AT TUESDAY MEETING.

8. IF DEPARTMENT WISHES ME TO MAKE HIGH LEVEL
REPRESENTATIONS IN THE MEANTIME, PRESUMABLY I WILL BE SO
INSTRUCTED. IN THIS EVENT, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO
HAVE BACKGROUND ON FEELING IN WASHINGTON OFFICIAL
COMMUNITY (INCLUDING CONGRESS) ON CONTEMPLATED
CANADIAN PRICING ACTION. IN VIEW OF FACT EXTAFF
MINISTER MACEACHEN IS ON TRIP IN AFRICA I WOULD
PROBABLY MAKE ANY REPRESENTATION TO MINISTER MACDONALD.
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